

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 15, and 29 as follows (a complete listing of all the claims appears below):

Sub D of: Claim 1 (currently amended): An e-mail processing method comprising the steps

identifying a type of each data included in a received e-mail, the received e-mail comprising a plurality of different types of data; and

determining whether each data included in the received e-mail can be processed, in accordance with the identified type of each data; data;

wherein, when said determining step determines that the received e-mail can be processed, the data is stored; storing the data included in the received e-mail, if it is determined in said determining step that the data can be processed; and

wherein, when said determining step determines that the received e-mail cannot be processed, the data is deleted deleting the data included in the received e-mail, if it is determined in said determining step that the data cannot be processed.

Claim 2 (previously amended): A method according to Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

registering types of data that can be processed, in advance; and

determining that the data can be processed, when the identified type of data coincides with the registered type of data.

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Claims 3-7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (previously amended): A method according to Claim 1, wherein a presence of the data that cannot be processed is notified to a user.

Claim 9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (previously amended): A method according to Claim 1, wherein, when it has been determined that the data cannot be processed, a subsequent process is selectable from among a plurality of predetermined processes.

Claim 11 (original): A method according to Claim 1, wherein the type of data comprises a text.

Claim 12 (original): A method according to Claim 1, wherein the type of data comprises an image.

Claim 13 (previously amended): A method according to Claim 1, wherein identification of the type of data is performed by analyzing the received e-mail.

Claim 14 (original): A method according to Claim 1, wherein a character string is retrieved from the received e-mail, and the type of data is identified according to a reference

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character string specified based on a position in the received e-mail where the retrieved character string is present.

Claim 15 (currently amended): An e-mail processing apparatus comprising:  
type identification means for identifying a type of each data included in a received e-mail, the received e-mail comprising a plurality of different types of data; and  
determination means for determining whether each data included in the received e-mail can be processed, in accordance with the identified type of each ~~data~~; data;  
wherein, when said ~~determination means determines that the received e-mail can be processed, the data is stored~~; storing means for storing the data included in the received e-mail, if said determination means determines that the data can be processed; and  
wherein, when said ~~determination means determines that the received e-mail cannot be processed, the data is deleted~~ deleting means for deleting the data included in the received e-mail, if said determination means determines that the data cannot be processed.

Claim 16 (previously amended): An apparatus according to Claim 15, further comprising storage means for storing types of data that can be processed, wherein said determination means determines that the data can be processed, when the identified type of data coincides with the stored type of data.

Claims 17-21 (canceled)

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Claim 22 (previously amended): An apparatus according to Claim 15, further comprising notification means for notifying a user of a presence of the data that cannot be processed.

Claim 23 (canceled)

Claim 24 (previously amended): An apparatus according to Claim 15, further comprising selection means for causing a subsequent process to be selectable from among a plurality of predetermined processes, when said determination means determines that a data cannot be processed.

Claim 25 (original): An apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein the type of data comprises a text.

Claim 26 (original): An apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein the type of data comprises an image.

Claim 27 (previously amended): An apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein said type identification means identifies the type of data by analyzing the received e-mail.

Claim 28 (original): An apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein said type identification means retrieves a character string from the received e-mail, and identifies the type

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of data according to a reference character string specified based on a position in the received e-mail where the retrieved character string is present.

Claim 29 (currently amended): A computer-readable storage medium storing control software for implementing an e-mail process, the control software comprising:

a control program for identifying a type of each data included in a received e-mail, the received e-mail comprising a plurality of different types of data; and

a control program for determining whether each data included in the received e-mail can be processed, in accordance with the identified type of each data; data;

wherein, when said determining control program determines that the received e-mail can be processed, the data is stored; a control program for storing the data included in the received e-mail, if it is determined by said control program for determining that the data can be processed; and

wherein, when said determining control program determines that the received e-mail cannot be processed, the data is deleted a control program for deleting the data included in the received e-mail, if it is determined by said control program for determining that the data cannot be processed.

Claim 30 (previously amended): A storage medium according to Claim 29, wherein the control software further comprises:

a control program for reading types of data that can be processed, which have been registered in advance in a memory; and

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a control program for determining that the data can be processed, when the identified type of data coincides with the read type of data.

Claims 31-35 (canceled)

Claim 36 (previously amended): A storage medium according to Claim 29, wherein the control software further comprises a control program for notifying a user of a presence of the data that cannot be processed.

Claim 37 (canceled)

Claim 38 (previously amended): A storage medium according to Claim 29, wherein the control software further comprises a control program for causing a subsequent process to be selectable from among a plurality of predetermined processes, when it has been determined that the data cannot be processed.

Claim 39 (previously amended): A storage medium according to Claim 29, wherein the control software further comprises a control program for identifying the type of data by analyzing the received e-mail.

Claim 40 (previously amended): A control program according to Claim 29, wherein the control software further comprises a control program for retrieving a character string

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from the received e-mail, and identifying the type of data according to a character string specified  
based on a position in the received e-mail where the retrieved character string is present.

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